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EDITORIAL

THE DIE IS CAST

All Grower Members of the MGA will know by now that a contribution of 3d. for Publicity on each carton of spawn purchased has been made a condition of MGA Grower Membership.

Whilst it is perfectly true that an overwhelming vote in favour of this step—the voting was 81 per cent. in favour, 10 per cent. against with nine per cent. not voting—clearly indicated the feeling of the members, the decision to invoke any condition of membership was not taken lightly by the Executive Committee although there was a complete unanimity of view when the final vote took place.

Compulsion is an ugly word with a meaning which is abhorrent in a free society such as ours and it was to be expected that those who disliked surrendering the principle of a free choice should oppose this " condition of membership proposal " although, let it be clearly understood, many if not all of this minority were contributing voluntarily to the Publicity Fund.

It is equally true that, bearing in mind the rights of a minority, the will of the Grower Members could not be ignored.

Whilst it may be regretted then that any form of compulsion was necessary, it cannot be denied that the action taken was undoubtedly in the interests of the industry at large. The pity is that, in spite of every effort made by the MGA, there are still producers of mushrooms who, reaping whatever benefit mushroom publicity obtains for them, contribute not one single jot to the fund that makes this possible. It is only fair and just to the MGA that all members should be aware that the Association has for five years endeavoured to devise an acceptable plan whereby everyone contributed. The failure so far to do so should not by any means be taken as the last word.

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WHAT THE TRADE PRESS SAID

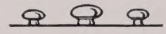
Here is what the Trade Press had to say about the Publicity step taken by the MGA:—

The Commercial Grower: . . . the MGA Executive had been trying to devise a workable publicity scheme for six years. All points had been carefully considered and the resultant scheme seemed the simplest and fairest. The next step will be to make mushroom growers aware of the benefits available to members of the MGA and to maintain its reputation for being one of the most progressive and far-sighted bodies in the horticultural field.

Nurseryman Seedsman: It is a measure of the foresightedness and maturity of this organisation that 81 per cent. of its grower members were in favour of such a scheme. Even more remarkable perhaps, was the fact that 91 per cent. of them voted, something that many another organisation in the horticultural industry must look at with envy. . . . Congratulations to the mushroom growers on their courage and enterprise. Plus all the other things the MGA has done and is doing for members this should make membership of the organisation irresistible.

The Grower: We congratulate the Mushroom Growers' Association on its bold venture. We hope that more growers will join the Association to help swell this fund which is spent for the benefit of all concerned in the mushroom industry. And we look forward to a well-planned and sustained campaign to boost mushroom sales.

The Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Trades' Journal: On numerous occasions in this Journal we have applauded the commonsense or, if you prefer to call it, fighting spirit of what is really a tiny association numerically, determined to publicise mushrooms to the full extent of its limited financial backing . . . We know that those in authority in Agriculture House will applaud the attitude taken by the Mushroom Growers' Association.



IN A MUSHROOM HOUSE

Your gift to me, so generously given
Came not from mountains thunder riven,
Nor yet from rivers wild and rapid,
Nor from the skies, secretive, vapid.
Your gift came from the dark, no light was seen,
Its beginnings humble, of lowly mien.
How to grow mushrooms I admit I know not
One thing I do know, they grow under you-know-what.

MARIE H. BRIMACOMBE,
Silver Spring,
Maryland.

MUSHROOMS: MY ADVICE TO THE MGA

RETAILER'S VIEWPOINT . . *from the FRUIT TRADES' JOURNAL*
14th November, 1959

Mushrooms are in the news just now—so is the Mushroom Growers' Association which has recently decided to make a tiny publicity levy a condition of membership. This deduction is so small that it makes me wonder why nineteen per cent. of the growers—ten per cent. who negatived the idea of compulsion and nine per cent. who didn't even reply to the referendum—refuse to pay up, or to be correct, what is a less painful process of payment, having it added to the spawn invoice. Are these nineteen per cent. just miserly and blind, or merely not interested in the fortunes and progress of their industry? I should like to hear what reasons they have, if any, for refusing to conform. Maybe something could be learned from their opinions.

I admire the manner in which the decision of the MGA has been brought about and also the fact that, so far as I am aware, no broad hints have been dropped by the Association as to how much the wholesalers and retailers are going to contribute.

As, however, success or failure of their publicity campaign will be shared by these two sections of the trade, I don't see why we as retailers should not bear our portion of the cost. It would be a rather nice gesture if we were able to present the MGA with small annual grants or suggest some proposal which would produce from our members a modest sum to augment the Association's own slender funds. After all many wholesalers subscribe generously to the fund.

As well as the mushroom recipe leaflets now available for customers which were obtained from the Association (as mentioned previously) I have also placed a small notice actually on our displayed mushrooms stating " Please ask for recipes " and am pleased that this too has resulted in more leaflets going out.

When the MGA are considering their publicity programme for the future, might I suggest that much greater emphasis is required to be placed upon the information " Cultivated mushrooms do not need peeling ".

The number of people who admit they wade through their half-pound, peeling every head, however small, has amazed and startled me. In fact, one or two customers have stated quite frankly that they would buy more frequently but for this fatiguing part of the preparation. Then there are the housewives who laugh at us when we point out that peeling is unnecessary. " Of course mushrooms *must* be peeled " is their attitude and a mere retailer just cannot insist.

How many families go without their mushrooms because of this mistaken idea is anybody's guess, but the MGA's voice or word of authority might go a long way towards correcting this frame of mind.

Another very perplexing point is the tremendous fluctuation of price. At this particular time of the year we nearly always start the week with flats at 1s. a quarter, then by Thursday, if we can get them at

all, it is usually a 1s. 3d. ticket; if it has to be cups or buttons due to shortage of flats then it is 1s. 3d. or even 1s. 6d. This is devastating to the shopper and sales sag badly. Consequently interest in the product diminishes, most probably to the advantage of the egg producers whose annual rate of subsidy must seem like the promised land to us.

I hope efforts might be made to try and regulate supplies without recourse to more ordinary refrigeration. In this respect I suggest urgent inquiry into the field of mushroom quick-freezing might also be undertaken. The few I have tasted were extremely good but lacked imagination as regards the type chosen for freezing and the size and appearance of the pack, but I do believe there is a wonderful future for it, especially as tinned mushrooms, good as they are, do not really taste like fresh ones, at least to my palate.

I would also ask the MGA to use its influence to eradicate one other evil factor in the industry—short weight. By trial and error over a long period, I now buy mushrooms from growers whose weights are always correct. In fact, last week one slipped up and I got 2 oz. per 2 lb. chip over. I do not ask for nor expect over-weight but short weight makes me boil.

I believe it is more through carelessness than intent, but in any event it does not make for good relations. It could be, of course, one of the methods employed by the " uncommitted nineteen per cent." in order to make their ends meet. When, however, my usual sources of supply run dry and unfamiliar code numbers have to be taken, that is when the weight factor is often found to be most erratic.

As a final request to the MGA may I suggest that they issue a brightly coloured stick-on lable for their members to affix to every chip sent out. Then buyers will know who's who and the black sheep will identify themselves in every fold.

WORLD'S PRESS DIGEST

Mushrooms remained a fair trade, which met heavier consignments with ease (*Nurseryman Seedsman*, 1st October, 1959). Mushroom trade remains strong, with lighter arrivals (*Fruit Trades' Journal*, 3rd October, 1959). A satisfactory trade (*Nurseryman Seedsman*, 8th October, 1959). Trade remains fairly strong, with arrivals still somewhat on the light side (*Fruit Trades' Journal*, 10th October, 1959). Steady sales maintained, although supplies over the past week had increased (*Nurseryman Seedsman*, 15th October, 1959). Supplies seem to be heavier this week and there is certainly a wider variation in quality of cups and buttons in particular (*Fruit Trades' Journal*, 17th October, 1959). Fairly heavy consignments proved a popular buy (*Nurseryman Seedsman*, 22nd October, 1959). Mushrooms are a weaker demand (*Grower*, 24th October, 1959). Providing quality was superb, improved rates were taken for mushrooms (*Commercial Grower*, 30th October, 1959). Mushrooms move out steadily (*Grower*, 31st October, 1959).

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J. Wiebe in *Proceedings of the American Society of Horticultural Science*, 72, pp. 331-8, 1958.

One or two farmers and growers have benefitted from freak crops of mushrooms which have appeared in their fields . . . Some of them, on land which has been irrigated throughout the unusual summer, have been particularly heavy.

Berkshire correspondent in *Grower*, 7th November, 1959.

Disregarding broken windows and tiles, which are a matter of maintenance, the most common source of seepage through roofs and walls is by way of fastening holes through cladding and roofing materials. The Conder Engineering Co. Ltd., of Winchester, gave considerable attention to this problem when designing a hangar to house helicopters of Westland Aircraft Ltd. A great number of fixing bolts is used in the construction of this hanger; to insure that these are really water-tight, a new type of washer is used under the nuts. Known as " Spats ", these washers are made of polythene in the shape of a lightly domed disk, pierced in the centre. Being resilient, the washer adapts itself closely to any surface and a tight seal is formed.

Factory Manager, September, 1959.

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Three-page feature in *Commercial Grower*, 6th November, 1959.

Sweden has asked Britain to accept Swedish deep-frozen vegetables as " industrial products " in the European Free Trade Association. Tariffs on industrial products in the Association countries will be cut by 20 per cent. from next July. Progressive annual reductions will remove them entirely by 1970.

Daily Telegraph, 31st October, 1959.

The NFU was looking into the question of co-operation with the railways in providing cool transport facilities, said Mr. C. Howard Jones, Hampshire's representative on the headquarters fruit committee. Mr. W. Hugh Smith reported, at the same Sarisbury Green meeting, that a considerable amount of work had been done on the best means of cool transport of soft fruit; a prototype cooling unit had been designed which the grower could copy and build at roughly a cost of £100.

Grower, 31st October, 1959.

Dr. Hermann Muller, who advocates selective breeding to produce a superior human race, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and

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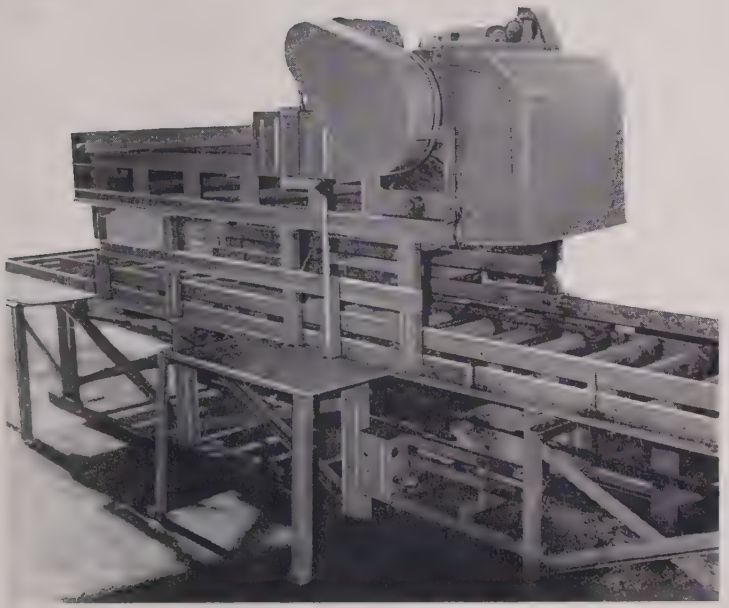

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Medicine in 1946 for the " discovery of the production of mutations by means of X-rays ". *Daily Telegraph*. 27th October, 1959.

Some weeks ago I received through the post a brown Kraft fruit bag upon one side of which was printed a mushroom recipe. Underneath it stated that other recipes could be obtained from the Mushroom Growers' Association. Thought I'd give them a ring to ask for some, but couldn't find their number in the telephone directory. I eventually got through and, when inquiring the reason for the omission, I was told that they thought the 'phone would always be ringing if the number was put in the book! I always imagined that was the purpose of a telephone.*

" *Retailer* " *in Fruit Trades' Journal*, 31st October, 1959.

" It is essential that we as an industry reduce our buying and selling costs," said Mr. E. H. Gardener at Cheltenham, pointing out that co-operative action would give growers greater buying power as well as selling power . . . Prepacking would have a greater effect if producers took steps to lengthen the life of the product before it was prepacked.

Commercial Grower, 30th October, 1959.

Two important conclusions concerning mushroom casing are reported in the Annual Report for 1958 of the Glasshouse Crops Research Institute, Littlehampton. The one has to do with this recurring factor of salt concentration. High concentrations in the compost retard the initiation of and possibly reduce the growth rate of the sporophores. Casing reduces the salt concentration of the compost surface, and it is concluded that a major function of the casing layer is to provide a medium in which a state of low moisture stress can readily be achieved and maintained over a sufficiently long period. The other is that the application of salt to casing does in fact bring about some freedom from pests and diseases.

Review by D. H. in *Grower*, 7th November, 1959.

The burden on the shoulders of NAAS officers is to be lightened. They will no longer have to look after the health of Britain's plants. A Plant Health Inspectorate has been set up to take over these duties, under Mr. C. E. Pearson. Perhaps this is an indication that NAAS officers may soon be relieved of many of their chores and allowed to get down to the work of advising growers.

Grower, 7th November, 1959.

Who makes most use of the services provided by the NAAS? Mr. C. E. Hudson had no doubts about that question. It is the more progressive grower. Who abuses it most? I gathered that the Service was not overfond of the grower who wanted to use the area officer as a sort of unpaid manager and wanted him to come on the holding twice a week and give precise instructions as to what should be done next?

" Wayfarer " in *Nurseryman Seedsman*, 8th October, 1959.

* Oh dear! the sins of omission. What I said was that **people who wanted to grow mushrooms under the stairs and in a box in the garden** would always be ringing.—*Ed.*

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Grower, 24th October, 1959.

Hunts. Valuation Panel have decided that the mushroom spawn factory at Yaxley should be rated, holding that the land and premises are not agricultural; no part of the process of producing the plant took place in the land itself. *Peterborough Advertiser*, 6th October, 1959.

(At the same time the Panel decided against appeals against the rating of broiler houses and chicken hatcheries. *The Daily Express*, on 7th October, 1959, commented: " What nonsense this is! Those farmers who take advantage of modern techniques should not be penalised by having to pay rates. Why place a premium on efficiency?")

The formation of a new credit institution, called the Agricultural Credit Corporation Ltd., was announced by the NFU on 25th September. " It aims to promote efficiency by co-ordinating economic advice with the provision of essential credit . . . All genuine farmers and horticulturists will be eligible to apply for financial support".

Fruit Trades' Journal, 10th October, 1959.

Prince Philip is secretly building a mushroom unit at Windsor Castle, and plans to market the crop in Covent Garden, says a report in the *Sunday Dispatch*. Protests from growers near Sandringham have not damped Prince Philip's determination to make the Royal gardens pay. *Grower*, 3rd October, 1959.

Dry rot, woodworm and wet rot, the main menaces to timber in houses, can now be prevented with a new range of chemical preservatives. At the Tylers Green research laboratories of the Timber Development Association it was estimated that complete protection could be given to a new house for about £50. *Daily Telegraph*, 24th October, 1959.

Cold storage space may be provided by converting an existing building, erecting an insulated structure within a packhouse, or constructing a new external block of stores. Insulation, vapour proofing, fans, ventilation, humidity and refrigerating plant are discussed in a six-page article. G. Mann in *Agriculture*, October, 1959.

I feel that any farmer who is able to get even one small section of his enterprises " work studied " would so completely alter his outlook on his farm that the benefits would be far reaching.

Peter Smith in *Agriculture*, October, 1959.

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machine is being introduced by Russell Construction Ltd., 8-9 Adam Street, London, W.C.2. *Industrial Equipment News*, October, 1959.

So I would say to all mushroom growers large or small: You are on your own and likely to remain so for a long time to come. The reward of any effort you make to improve crops, reduce expenditure and increase efficiency will be reaped by you alone. So do not give in. Mushroom growing like everything else will have its ups and downs but it has always improved in the past and will do so again.

Robert Patterson in *Commercial Grower*, 30th October, 1959.

She is in Mushroom—the last classroom along that passage.
" Miss Pratt " in Nabokov's *Lolita*, 1959.

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Won't pinhead a bumper flush ;
And it must be continuously low,
Right up till pinheads show.
Sounds all akin to mystic potent
To be told " Its more important,
This low negative pressure
Than actual amount of moisture ".
(How like suction in a baby's feeder !
Yet! what mothers' baby would heed her
Despite her cuddling and kissing,
If the white warm liquid is missing?)
The purpose of water is but to induce
Mycelium strands to decide to produce,
And if, thereafter, from casing it be lost,
Enough will be found in the compost.
(If trickles of water by auto-suggestion
Fuse mycelium strands for pinhead congestion—
Oh that a scientist some day would maintain
" Suffice it to make a noise like rain!"
And if, by poor hearing, they remain asunder
'T'would then be advisable to imitate thunder!) F.P.

Agriculture was the theme of the Lord Mayor of London's Show on Saturday 14th Nov., and mushrooms were prominently displayed on this float by the NFU Market Produce Show Society

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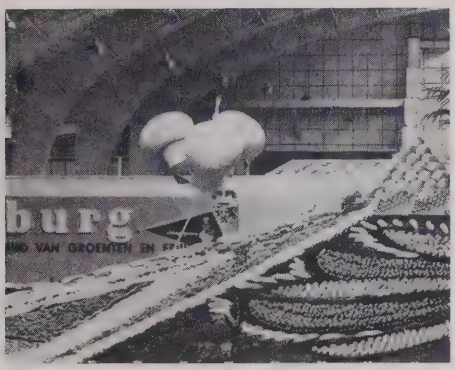

Dutch producers of horticultural crops are never slow to take full advantage of any publicity schemes and, as this picture shows, producers of mushrooms in Holland made quite sure their product would not go unnoticed at this horticultural exhibition in the R.A.I. Hall in Amsterdam in October. The exhibition marked the 25th anniversary of the Central Market and was described by one English reporter thus "This was a breath-taking show on a vast scale, the like of which British horticulture has yet to dream . . . . . ".

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In hot water boilers where the temperature of the outflow is very often about 180° F. it can readily be seen that acid can and does form, causing corrosion of tubes and sections. This corrosion forms a dark scale often containing yellowish streaks difficult to remove and when analysed it usually contains a high proportion of iron sulphates confirming that corrosion is taking place, and also the deposits in the boiler may contain free sulphuric acid. These sulphates cause combustion deposits to adhere to the boiler and gas passages, chimney, etc. In the boiler this coating of deposits greatly reduces the heat transfer and therefore reduces the efficiency of the boiler. These problems also occur in steam boilers to a lesser extent. Combustion Chemicals Ltd., 33 Dorset Square, London, N.W.1, Tel. PADdington 2893/5954, have investigated these problems and many others associated with oil fired boilers and now produce a range of products to combat these troubles, which at the same time improve combustion efficiency and reduce maintenance. These products are being supplied to the Power Stations, M.T.C.A., Services and many industrial concerns and local authorities, hospitals, etc.

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(i) Works for the erection, alteration, enlargement or reconditioning of permanent buildings (other than dwelling-houses and, save as in (vi) below, buildings in which produce is grown) to be used for purposes connected with the growing of horticultural produce or for the storage, preparation for market or transport of horticultural produce, and making or improvement of permanent yards, loading platforms and ramps for such purposes.

(ii) Provision of shelter belts.

(iii) Grubbing-up of orchards.

(iv) Removal of hedges and banks, filling-in of ditches, removal of boulders, tree roots and other like obstructions to cultivation.

(v) Improvement of systems for the production and distribution of heat in glasshouses and in buildings used for the production of rhubarb or mushrooms. Grants for this purpose will be paid only in respect of glasshouses or buildings that are in existence when the scheme comes into operation, are in sound structural repair and already incorporate heating systems.

(vi) On any horticultural production business that fulfils the general conditions of eligibility under the statutory scheme but embraces not more than 7 acres of cultivable open land (or its equivalent), the provision of fixed or mobile glasshouses, up to a maximum area (including the area of any such glasshouse with which the business is already equipped) of 675 sq. ft. provided that such glass is required for the more efficient operation of, and would be ancillary to the main production of, the business.

PART II. IMPROVEMENTS TO HORTICULTURAL PRODUCERS' MARKETING BUSINESSES

(vii) Works for the erection, alteration, enlargement or reconditioning of permanent buildings to be used for the purposes of storage, preparation for market or transport of horticultural produce, and making or improvement of permanent yards, loading platforms and ramps for such purposes.

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(viii) Provision of means of sewage disposal other than from dwelling-houses.

(ix) Making and improvement of roads, fords, bridges, railway crossings and under-passes.

(x) Provision or laying-on of electric light or power for the purposes of the business.

(xi) Provision of water supply for the purposes of storage, preparation for market or transport of horticultural produce.

(xii) Making and improvement of permanent fences (including hedges), walls and gates.

(xiii) Provision of cattle-grids.

(xiv) Provision of thermal insulation, vapour sealing or gas sealing, for the control of temperature or atmosphere in buildings or parts of buildings used for the storage of horticultural produce.

(xv) Supply and installation in suitable buildings used (or to be used) for the storage preparation for market or transport of horticultural produce, of specified items of new plant and equipment necessary for such purposes. (The improvements that may be grant-aided under this paragraph will be specified in the statutory scheme; they will include plant for the control of temperature or atmosphere, washing and grading machines, benches, racks, and specified types of conveyors. Machinery for pre-packaging will not be included).

(xvi) Any operation incidental to any of the operations specified in the other paragraphs of this Schedule or necessary or proper in carrying it out or securing the full benefit thereof.

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With the exceptionally hot weather this summer, we carried on picking our second crop of Talisman strawberries unto 5th November and I feel I can now throw some more light on the Editorial Article " Dear Mr. Salesman " in the July *Bulletin* (No. 115).

It seems to be an accepted fact that as soon as the main field crops of strawberries appear on the market, down goes the price of mushrooms. This factor influenced me considerably in acquiring land to grow soft-fruit as a secondary business. It started as a ' poor relation ' but I am glad to say it is now holding its own. I have often heard experienced mushroom-growers say :—" The housewife has a fixed weekly amount in her purse and, when strawberries appear, there is not much left over with which to buy mushrooms ". I visited Covent Garden early on one of the hottest days in July and must admit that the mushrooms on every stand looked " tired and dreary " and so did many of the salesmen. It was a sad and depressing sight; great difficulty was being experienced in selling even at very low prices.

I entirely agree that many retailers tend to push baskets of mushrooms into the background when strawberries appear on the market. It would help them and growers if they could be attractively displayed in the *coolest* position in the shop. There is however, one meeting place where mushrooms and strawberries can help each-other, namely roadside stalls.

In addition to a very small week-end stall of our own, well off the beaten track, we supply three stalls in the vicinity, situated at good sites on main roads. Their sales of mushrooms increase enormously in the summer, particularly at week-ends. Their owners have told me that they sell approximately one lb. of mushrooms to every ten lb. of strawberries. From our own experience we can confirm these figures. None of them likes to be short of mushrooms as cars frequently stop for mushrooms and then one of the occupants also buys strawberries and *vice versa*. In fact the stall-holders are so keen to have really fresh mushrooms that they come and collect on Sundays whereas we deliver to them on other days of the week. We also supply the stalls with a liberal amount of M-M-M-Mushroom Strip Posters and recipé pamphlets to encourage sales.

These increased sales of mushrooms appear to disprove the theory that the housewife has little spare cash for mushrooms in the strawberry season? It does *not* since the male member of the party almost invariably pays and therefore the house-keeping money is not involved.

It seems to me that there is great scope for the increased sale of mushrooms in the summer at stalls because:—

(a) Mushrooms supplied direct are much fresher than those sent through a wholesale market.
(b) Strawberry notices attract customers, many of whom will also purchase mushrooms.
(c) The weekly house-keeping Budget is not affected.
(d) Stalls remain open when retail shops are shut, particularly at week-ends.
(e) Stalls are often situated far away from towns and villages so local inhabitants appreciate being able to buy mushrooms on the spot without having to make a journey to the nearest shopping centre.

I would therefore urge more growers to approach nearby stalls and strawberry farmers who sell on the side of the road, before next summer, pointing out the double advantage of selling mushrooms during the soft-fruit season. If concerted action is taken all over the country, it should *reduce* the quantity of mushrooms sent to the wholesale markets in the summer and thereby lessen the sharp drop in prices that occur when large quantities of strawberries appear in the shops.

BULK OIL SCHEME

The great majority of MGA members who use fuel oil for heating purposes are remaining absolutely loyal to the MGA Bulk Oil Scheme, the Secretary reported, at the December meeting of the MGA Executive Committee.

He explained that only a comparatively small proportion of members were using fuel oil although a number were converting from solid fuel to oil. He also added that several oil companies had made vigorous efforts to retain the trade of individual members by offering rebates which would probably not have been offered had not the MGA Scheme come into being.

Several members of the Executive Committee urged the need for loyalty amongst members, making the point that the rebates were unlikely to continue if this MGA Scheme failed. The Secretary said that if the members continued to stick together there appeared little if any likelihood of the scheme breaking down and, so far, it was working quite smoothly.

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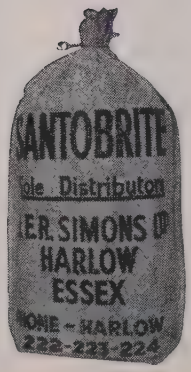

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

At the December meeting of the MGA Executive Committee a number of matters of considerable importance to MGA members came up for discussion.

Fertiliser Subsidies. It was reported that the Ministry of Agriculture was carefully considering the points made by the MGA in the matter of these subsidies and the Ministry's decision is awaited with keen interest.

Horticultural Bill. Broadly speaking the qualifying mushroom farm area needed to rate for assistance under the Horticultural Aid Scheme is approximately one-fifth of an acre but clarification is being sought on the question of whether this area relates to actual growing sheds only, the basic bed area, or whether ancillary buildings can rightly be included. It was the view of the Executive Committee that growers with under a basic area of 10,000 to 12,000 sq. ft. might not qualify and representations are being made in an effort to persuade the Ministry to include the smaller man.

Folkestone Exhibition. The Hon. Treas., Mr. F. L. Filmer reported that the total receipts from the Folkestone Exhibition amounted to approximately £800. Although a surplus of income over expenditure was unlikely it did appear that the accounts would about break even.

1960 Conference. A small sub-committee has been set up to deal with the arrangements for the 1960 conference, which takes place during the second week in October at The Grand Atlantic Hotel, Weston-Super-Mare. A panel of speakers is being prepared and it is hoped to have the copies of all papers to be delivered in the hands of members by the first week in September in order that as much time as possible can be devoted to questions during the actual conference. A dance and the golf competition for the Sinden Cup will be included in the social side of the arrangements.

Mushroom Compost. Although several members pointed out that the matter of used mushroom compost had frequently been investigated since the formation of the Association, and the conclusions reached were that the disposal of this compost was a matter for the individual member, it was agreed that a small committee should be set up to make a report on the subject, dealing with the position on a national rather than a local basis, and the hope was expressed that, in due course, all members would co-operate in this enquiry.

1960 Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting of the Association is to take place in London, on Tuesday, 22nd March, 1960, at Simpsons in the Strand, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made.

Production Questionnaire. It was reported by the Secretary that the Ministry of Agriculture was sending out a short questionnaire to all

Grower Members of the Association, the purpose of which was to ascertain the total production of mushrooms in this country. The Ministry would endeavour to include non members of the Association in this survey. It was the hope of the Executive Committee that members would co-operate fully in this effort and would return the forms, duly completed, to the Ministry without delay.

Publicity Contributions and Condition of Membership. It was reported by the Secretary that, so far, only two members of the Association had resigned over the " condition of membership " issue regarding contributions to the Publicity Fund.

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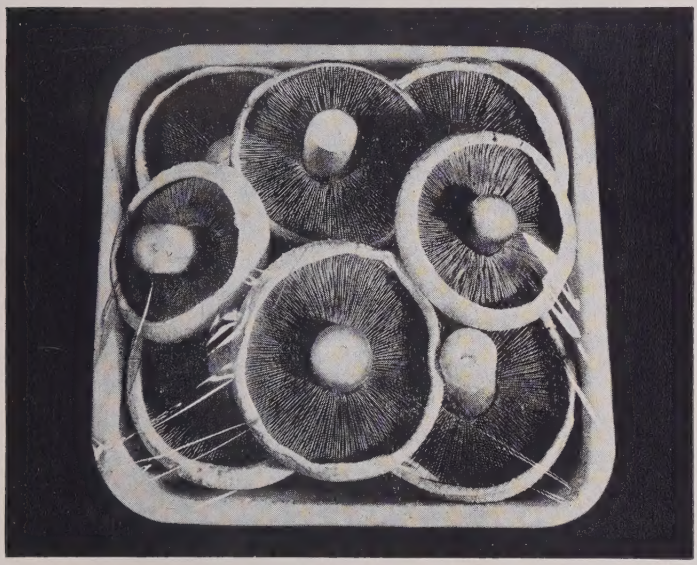

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